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SUBJ: JAPANESE-NORTH KOREAN SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

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1. THE JAPANESE PRESS HAS CARRIED REPORTS THAT A "PRIVATE"

AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGE HAS BEEN CONCLUDED BETWEEN JAPANESE AND NORTH KOREAN SCIENTIFIC GROUPS. THE AGREEMENT IS SPONSORED BY THE JAPAN-KOREA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION COMMITTEE, WHOSE CHAIRMAN IS DR. ICHIRO SAKURADA, A PROFESSOR EMERITUS AT KYOTO UNIVERSITY. THE VISITING NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION, SPONSORED BY THE KOREAN EXTERNAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE SOCIETY, WAS LED BY SHIN BYON CH'ON. AREAS OF EXCHANGE COVERED BY THE AGREEMENT INCLUDE SYNTHETIC FIBERS, AUTOMATED INSTRUMENTS, TRUCKS, SHIPS, FISHERIES AND AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY.

2. IN COMMENTING ON THE REPORTED AGREEMENT, A JAPANESE GOVERNMENT SOURCE IN THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY STRESSED ITS PRIVATE CHARACTER, AND OBSERVED THAT "MANY JAPANESE PROFESSORS ARE INTERESTED IN COOPERATION WITH THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES." INTERESTINGLY, MANY OF THE EXCHANGES WHICH WILL

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REPORTEDLY TAKE PLACE UNDER THE AGREEMENT INVOLVE AREAS OF

TECHNOLOGY, IN WHICH KNOWLEDGE RESIDES LARGELY IN INDUSTRY  
RATHER THAN IN THE UNIVERSITIES. IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW THE  
JAPANESE SPONSORING GROUP,  
WHICH APPEARS TO BE UNIVERSITY ORIENTED, WILL SECURE THE  
INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION NEEDED TO GIVE EFFECT TO MANY OF THESE  
EXCHANGES.  
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